

Dear FCC,I am actively opposed to this petition on the grounds that it continues to require testing for a mode of communication that has become not only outdated, but of little practical use to today's radio amateurs. The fact is that technology is moving further and further away from this mode of communication, and that today's hams are using it less and less. From my licensed station I actively monitor for HF activity in the CW mode and find significantly less and less use for it as time passes while other modes see increased use. While of historical interest, requiring CW proficiency does little to advance the hobby. For those interested in using the mode, general band usage plans provide them with exclusive sections of the spectrum for this specific hobby. The fact is that nearly all hams who learn CW in order to get their advanced tickets never use it on the air. Please register my opposition to this proposal.